THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) to (c) Shri N.N. Vohra former Union Home Secretary and former Principal Secretary to Prime Minister who has been apointed as the Government of India's representative to initiate and carry forward a dialogue with the elected representatives, various organisations and concerned individuals in the State of J&K made a two day visit to J&K on 5th and 6th March, 2003. He had preliminary meetings with Constitutional figures in the State *i.e.* Governor, Chief Minister, Deputy Chief Minister, Speaker of Legislative Assembly, Chairman, legislative Council, Leader of Opposition in Legislative Assembly and Leader of Opposition in Legislative Council.

Tunnel at Indo-Pak Border

†2854. SHRI BALKAVIBAIRAGI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item under the caption, "Bharat-Pak seema per 30 meter Iambi surang"; and

(b) if so, details of facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. On 11 January, 2003, the Border Security Force troops of border outpost Kassoke of Ferozepur sector of Punjab detected an unfinished tunnel in an area which had a thick growth of 'Sarkanda" (elephant grass). The length of the dug tunnel was approximately 15 meters, diameter about two and a half feet and its opening at a depth of approximately 2 to 3 feet below the surface. The tunnel has since been filled up with earth.

Management of international coastal borders

2855. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any arrangements exist whereby part of the expenses for the management of international coastal boarders are borne by the Central Government;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.